

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019, beginning at 3:30 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were Mayor Barnett, council members Armour, Armour, Mahoney, Scarborough and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Nelson.

Visitors present are listed in the minutes of the Work Session held on March 11, 2019.

At the request of Mayor Barnett those attendance observed a moment of silence in remembrance of James Gresham, a retired city employee who passed away on March 9, 2019.

City Attorney Nelson opened the meeting in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** On motion by Scarborough, second by Tutt, council approved 5 to 0 agenda as presented; removing mobile home topic submitted by Council member Mahoney.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** On motion by R. Armour, second by Mahoney, council approved 5 to 0 the minutes of previous meeting as presented.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Barnett advised that a recent women's self-defense class had been well attended.

Barnett reminded those present that the Spring Tour of Homes is just around the corner and that it is time a spruce up yards, sidewalks and streets.

Barnett apologized for recent removal of some cemetery flowers. The cemetery employees were trying to follow the new ordinance guidelines. Those employees have now been instructed on flower removal and that going forward there should be no problems.

Barnett commended Council member Mahoney for suggestions made on celebrating Georgia Cities Week.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:** City Attorney Nelson reported that work is ongoing concerning updates and amendments to City Ordinance Chapter 90 – Zoning. Proposed changes will be presented at the April regular meeting of council. Nelson requested that council extend the moratorium on certain business licenses within the downtown business for one month. On motion by Scarborough, second by Tutt, council approved request 5 to 0.

City Attorney Adam Nelson, of Fleming and Nelson, presented and reviewed with council a Conflict of Interest statement as it relates to the 2019 CDBG application. Mr. Nelson read in open meeting the following statement and entertained questions about statement. There were no comments or questions from council members or visitors attending.

Adam Nelson, Attorney, for the City of Washington, presented the following information regarding conflict of interest in Target Area #2 for the City's 2019 CDBG application. When an elected official or city employee owns property in a CDBG target area or has a full time job in a CDBG Target Area, it must be disclosed to the public as a potential conflict of interest. City of Washington Councilman Nathaniel Cullars is Maintenance Manager for Washington Heights Apartments, located in Target Area #2. Kim Evans, Utilities Billing Coordinator for the City of Washington is an employee and lives at 706 Lincoln Circle in Target area #2. The City of Washington proposes to apply for a 2019 CDBG in two target areas where

water improvements are proposed. To comply with federal HUD regulations, 24 CFR Part 570.489(h), "Conflict of Interest," the attorney's firm for the City of Washington, Fleming & Nelson, LLP, will write a letter to DCA describing the nature of the potential conflict of interest and request an exception to the Regulation asking for them to be granted the same benefits as other target area residents as indicated according to 24 CFR Part 570.489(h)(4)(iii). A map showing the location of the properties is available for view and it will be sent to DCA. The posted Agenda will be sent disclosing the conflict as publically available for discussion. Both City Councilman Cullars and Kim Evans have and will continue to abstain from either voting on any issues or business of the proposed grant project. The purpose of this presentation is to publically disclose the Councilman's employ at Washington Heights Apartments where water improvements will benefit low income residents and for Kim Evans as an employee of the City of Washington where water improvements will implemented on her street and therefore, for her home at 706 Lincoln Circle. City Attorney has advised that the properties will receive the same benefit that is made available to all residents within the target area. The benefit received is simply having access to a water system that is safe, sanitary and functional.

**TOPICS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL:**

**MAHONEY:** Council member Mahoney introduced Ms. Felicia Jackson, with the Washington YDC, who distributed flyers on the need for volunteers, interns and religious service with the goal of rehabilitation of the clients before release from YDC. This flyer will also be included in the SPARK newsletter.

Mahoney advised that he would update at the April meeting the status of a needed welding program.

Mahoney suggested ideas for the upcoming Georgia Cities Week in April to include showcasing and demonstrating some new equipment to include the new water/sewer digger/trencher and the new ladder truck. Mahoney also suggested having the April meeting of council at the high school so that students can have firsthand knowledge of how city meetings are conducted.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR TOPICS:** City Administrator Bailey reviewed with council proposed budget amendments for 2018 and 2019 concerning the E911 service and advised that these adjustments will get the city to the end of the current Service Delivery Agreement with the county ending June 30, 2019. On motion by R. Armour, second by Scarborough, council approved 5 to 0 the resolution to amend budget and budget amendments. Resolution and amendments follow:

**WHEREAS,** the City Council approved a budget for fiscal year 2019 for the City of Washington in December 2018; and

**WHEAREAS,** the budget requires adjustment from time to time as circumstances change; and

**WHEREAS,** these adjustments maintain a balanced budget for all funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the adjustments to the budget listed on "Attachment A", attached hereto and made part of this Resolution, is hereby adopted:

City of Washington 2018 Budget Amendment 3/8/2019		<b>"Attachment A"</b>		
		<b>NEEDS COUNCIL APPROVAL</b>		
<b>Fund 100</b>		Original Budget	Additions (Subtractions)	Amended Budget

Amendments:

Transfers Out-911	100-00000-61.1101	\$77,500	\$52,500	\$130,000
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INCUBATOR PROJECT: City Administrator Bailey asked for council approval for her to move forward in gathering information and budget information on a proposed small business incubator project to be housed at the Pope Center. Council concurred with this proposal.

NAMING OF TATE STREET CEMETERY: City Administrator Bailey presented a recommendation from the City Cemetery Committee that the Tate Street area cemetery to formally named: City West Cemetery. On motion by Mahoney, second T. Armour, council approved 5 to 0 the City West Cemetery name.

**MAYOR’S CLOSING COMMENTS:** Mayor Barnett addressed some recent facebook posts concerning fecal matter being spread in property within the county. Barnett advised that this practice has been going on for some years and that recently the city had requested that EPD come in a test all city water sources and that from the testing the sources used by the city are clear. Barnett also noted that city drinking test samples are done each week.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion by R. Armour, second by Scarborough, council approved 5 to 0 adjournment at 4:00 PM.

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CLERK